Welcome, everyone, to a time of knights and castles! Welcome to a time of nobility and chivalry! As we start this journey, let us remember where we come from- Naperville, of course. We live in a structured environment where society plays an integrated role in our lives. Structure is all around us and ever-changing. We co-exist within a system of structure where we are interdependent on each other for survival, entertainment, socialization, education, and so much more. As we study the concept of structure over the next month, we will be integrating our theme of the Middle Ages throughout. We will be comparing and contrasting the structure of Naperville to society in the Middle Ages. What a wonderful journey we are about to undertake!

Currently, "Friends of Fiefdom" and "Fief Fighters" are two lobbying groups in Naperville. They've heard about our study and have taken the information to the extreme! Not only were they comparing and contrasting Naperville to a fief, but now they are wanting to do something about their new discoveries! "Friends of Fiefdom" were so taken with the structure of the Middle Ages that they want to change Naperville from a city to a fief. "Fief Fighters" were so enraged at the information studied that they are fighting for Naperville to remain a city. As you travel through your own study of structure and the Middle Ages, you can decide for yourself which group you feel strongly for.

You will be asked to do many tasks on this exciting journey of discovery, from creating a coat of arms to debating over the structure of Naperville. Structure is our guiding light; it will be our teacher over the next month of study. Structure can be found in each subject area, each classroom, and even our school. The value of structure cannot be undermined. As we said earlier, structure is all around us. Are you looking closely?